

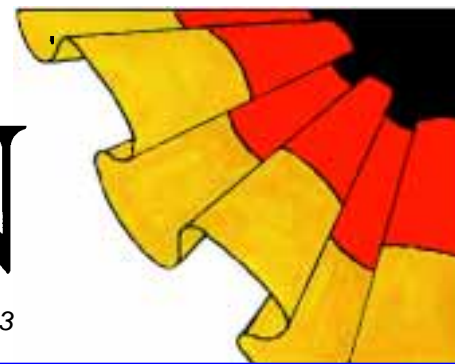


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A contingent of anti-war protesters forms part of a 6,000-person ring around Patch Barracks March 29. Though the U.S. military action in Iraq has resulted in a series of protests near Stuttgart-area military installations, local security officials say a solid working relationship with their German counterparts ensures the security of U.S. property and personnel.

## Protest encircles Patch

*German, American security forces unite to ensure demonstration remains peaceful*

Story & photo by Hugh C. McBride

Though much has been made in the international press of reported tension between the governments of the United States and Germany, events such as a March 29 protest at Patch Barracks demonstrate that in Stuttgart the spirit of German-American cooperation is alive and well.

The latest in a series of demonstrations against military action in Iraq, the March 29 gathering brought an estimated 6,000 people to the Patch perimeter, where protesters conducted a scheduled peace vigil that included forming a circle around the installation and briefly blocking traffic on Hauptstrasse, which leads to the Patch front gate.

While a crowd of that size gathered for any reason would give security forces cause for concern, a cooperative effort between German and American personnel ensured that the event progressed as planned and concluded without incident.

Maj. Hans Hunt, 6th Area Support Group Provost Marshal, said such a positive outcome is the result of an "excellent" working relationship between

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6th ASG Provost Marshal

his department and his counterparts with the local Polizei. "Any time we find out about a protest or demonstration, we are immediately in contact with the Polizei to coordinate our actions," Hunt said.

As the event nears, he said, PMO and Polizei personnel meet daily to coordinate their actions and refine their plan for managing the gathering.

Liaison officials from the German and American sides ensure that the units are functioning as one team by the time the event takes place, he said.

Though installation security can never be taken for granted, Hunt said one aspect is a sure thing: "We get spectacular support from the Polizei."

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